

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111
Serial No. 09/822,231
Attorney Docket No. 010272

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1 and 7 are amended. No new subject matter is added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006.

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants hereby amend claims 1 and 7 to clarify the subject matter of the present invention. Support for these amendments is found, for example in Figs. 4 and 5, which provide steps as to how the fourth page would be printed according to the claimed invention. Moreover, unlike the printer apparatuses/control methods described in Figs. 8-11, the present invention makes it possible to print a plurality of logical pages in physical-page units even when the logical-page lengths of the logical page units differ. [pp. 19-20.] In view of these amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §112 rejection of claims 1 and 7.

Claims 1-12 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the “applicant’s admitted prior art” disclosed in the Background of the Invention. As explained above, Applicants hereby amend claims 1 and 7. In view of these amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §102 rejection of claims 1-12.

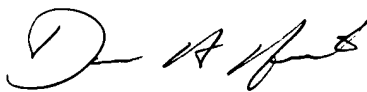
Briefly, anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference of the disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim. Here, none of the devices or methods described in the Specification of this application teach or suggest that a *printer controller calculates the total physical length of the logical-pages after creating the printing data and prevents the mechanical controller from detecting no printing medium error when the logical-pages can be printed in the physical length of one page, by comparing the total physical length of the logical-pages and the physical length of one page of the printing medium.* See Claim 1. As discussed above, these apparatuses/methods, e.g., shown in Figs. 8-11, do not describe the present invention. See pages 2-4 and 19-20. Accordingly, the §102 rejection of claims 1-12 is unsupported by the cited art and should be withdrawn.

Claims 13 and 14, which depend from independent claims 1 and 7 respectively, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). However, in view of the above remarks and by nature of dependency, these claims should also be allowable. Accordingly, the §103(a) rejection of claims 13 and 14 should be withdrawn.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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